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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES		24589N2PCT/US				
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)		U.S. APPLICATION:NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)				
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 10/52624						
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/010253	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE September 16, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED September 16, 2002				
TITLE OF INVENTION SELF-CLOSING MEMBRANE VALVE						
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Udo Suffa						
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:						
1. X This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.						
3. X This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.						
5. X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))						
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b. X has been transmitted by the International Bureau. PCT/IB/308)						
c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).						
6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).						
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).						
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b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.						
d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
9. X An/oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (2 pages)						
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).						
Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:						
11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.						
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.						
13. A FIRST preliminary amendment.						
A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.						
14. X ANDESCHERENCE ANNEXES IF ANY, ARE NOT TO BE ENTERED						
15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.						
16. X Other items or information: WO 2004/026721 (cover sheet - with abstract)						
17. [X] PCT/IB/308 18. [X] CLAIM IS HEREBY MADE OF THE BENEFIT OF THE FILING DATES OF GERMAN PATENT						
APPLICATIONS: 102 43 067.5 filed September 10, 2002						
103 33 638.9 filed July 24, 2003 103 42 406.7 filed September 12, 2003 UNDER 35 USC 119						
19. [X] EXPRESS MAIL mailing label No. ED 540207276 deposited February 24, 2005						

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +			\$				
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b. Please charge my Deposit Account No in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.							
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. C. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0105. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:							
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